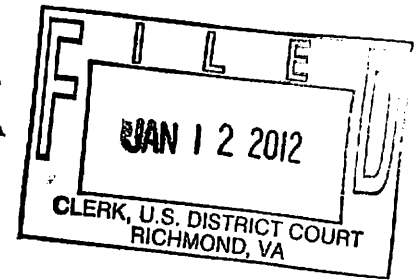


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Richmond Division



THE HONORABLE RICK PERRY,

Plaintiff,

and

THE HONORABLE NEWT GINGRICH, THE  
HONORABLE JON HUNTSMAN, JR., and  
THE HONORABLE RICK SANTORUM,

Intervenors,

v.

Civil Action No. 3:11-CV-856-JAG

CHARLES JUDD,  
Member of the Virginia State Board of Elections,  
in his official capacity, *et al.*,

Defendants.

**ORDER**

On January 11, 2012, Ronald Cook filed a motion to dismiss this case (Dk. No. 67). Mr. Cook is not a party and, therefore, may not move to dismiss the case. The Court will treat Mr. Cook's motion to dismiss as a motion to file a brief amicus curiae, and will grant the motion. The Court will accept Mr. Cook's statement of reasons to dismiss the case as his amicus brief, and will give due consideration to his views in deciding this matter.

It is so ORDERED.

Let the Clerk send this Order to all counsel of record.

Date: January 13, 2012  
Richmond, VA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Gibney, Jr.", is written over a rectangular stamp. The stamp contains the text "John A. Gibney, Jr." and "United States District Judge".

John A. Gibney, Jr.  
United States District Judge